

Kindly enter the following Amendment:

In the Claims:

Kindly cancel Claims 19, 20, and 36 through 44 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 9 through 18 are pending in the present application and are presently believed to be immediately allowable per the Examiner's Advisory Action dated November 24, 2000. Claims 19, 20, and 36 through 44 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing remarks demonstrate that entry of this amendment places the present application in condition for allowance. All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.